

H96DA Minutes

March 26, 2009

Director Attendees: Paul Johnson, Charles Stevens, Gladys Woodcock, Molly Harts, Elliott Richardson and Donna Wells.
Also present was Executive Director Charles Harts.

Guests were Mayor Arvest Turner, Tim Stone and Tim Cruise.

The meeting was called to order by Director/Secretary Paul Johnson.

Charles Harts gave the invocation.

Guest Presentations

Tim Stone, Superintendent, Cowpens National Park and the Ninety Six National Historic Site, opened the meeting with the introduction of Tim Cruise, Ranger, Appalachian National Park who was providing support for an ETV film and upcoming Revolutionary War Days. Also, Stone stated that a ranger replacement was being sought for Eric Williams who retired earlier in the year.

Stone stated that the Ninety Six National Historic Site has 30 - 35,000 visitors each year and is one (1) of five (5) National Parks in South Carolina and one (1) of four hundred (400) in the nation. On a national average, each visitor to a National Park brings \$6-\$12 To the nearby towns.

Stone stated that The National Parks centennial will be 2016. Charles Harts asked what could we as a community do to provide support to the Ninety Six Site. Stone replied that all requests for site facility improvements should be directed to local state officials.

Minutes

The February, 2009 minutes were not reviewed due to a time restraint. Director Woodcock made a motion to table the minutes for review at the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Stevens.

Treasurers Report

Director/Treasurer Paul Johnson presented the detailed financial report. Director Woodcock made a motion to accept the financial statement with a second from Director Richardson.

Activity Report

Director Wells noted that the Activity Committee met March 5, 2009 and discussed plans for the April and May art exhibits and Town Wide Festival in May.

Director Wells submitted a request from the Activity Committee to the BOD to consider sponsoring the Ninety Six Craft and Farmers Market to be held the second Saturday in each

month, June through September. A motion to proceed with the planning process with final approval pending until the April meeting was made by Director Richardson and seconded by Director Molly Harts.

Director Wells also submitted a request from the Activity Committee to the BOD to consider sponsoring a Fall Heritage Festival in October. A motion to proceed with the planning process with final approval pending until the April meeting was made by Director Molly Harts and seconded by Director Stevens.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Charles Harts reported that 89 ornaments had been sold and that the H96DA would be selling others during the Town Wide Festival in May.

Harts reported that wireless internet service had been installed and costs would be split with the Ninety Six Chamber of Commerce.

He stated that Climate Control Systems had reimbursed the H96DA \$132.00 for recent Charges.

He also stated that the H96DA had received an A-Tax allocation in the amount of \$2500.

He stated that 27 spaces had been rented for the Town Wide Festival.

Harts stated that the H96DA website committee had met with three (3) web designers for the proposed website. The committee did not have a recommendation pending the Town's selection after legal interpretation of their bidding process.

Harts noted that he had submitted two (2) SC Festival and Marketing Grants:

- 1) \$500. Sponsorship outright grant.
- 2) \$3,000. Fall Festival Event Marketing Grant.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wells
Secretary /Director

Approval Date:

Dr. William Long, President
Six Development Association

Historic Ninety

